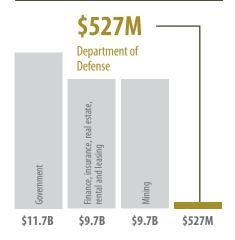


Department of Defense in West Virginia

Regional Environmental Coordination / Sustaining Readiness in Partnerships with States

West Virginia's

Signature Industries by Annual Contribution



Did You Know?Facts about West Virginia

- Shepherd Field Air National Guard Base is the home base of the West Virginia Air National Guard's 167th Airlift Wing
- West Virginia's Air National Guard has served the state and nation since the end of World War II, and has been deployed to all corners of the world on a variety of missions

Department of Defense Mission

The mission of the Department of Defense (DoD) is to provide the military forces needed to deter war and protect the security of our country.

Sustainability and the DoD Mission

DoD facilities on land, on the water, and in the air protect our nation. Regional Environmental Coordination (REC) works cooperatively with state agencies and governments on environmental efforts to ensure continued use of necessary land, sea, and airspace—protecting the military's ability to maintain operations into the future and prepare U.S. service men and women to defend our country.

DoD and State Partnerships

Through the REC program, DoD and military service representatives partner with state agencies and governments to strengthen environmental restoration and protection efforts and promote long-term sustainability of the military mission. Program efforts include educating state agencies and officials about the military's environmental needs, priorities, and concerns; communicating coordinated DoD positions on issues affecting military sustainment; and engaging in state legislative initiatives.







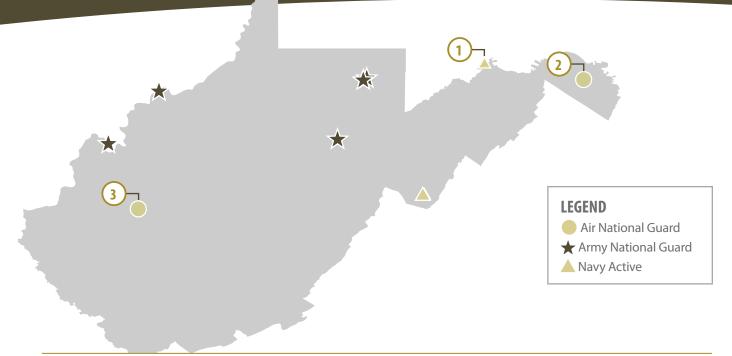




Chesapeake Bay Program

As a landowner and member of the Bay community, DoD is committed to restoring and protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed and has established a joint DoD Chesapeake Bay Program.

The mission of the program is to incorporate restoration, pollution prevention, and stewardship initiatives for the Chesapeake Bay into DoD's mission of providing the mililtary forces needed to deter war and protect the security of our country; facilitate partnerships to strengthen Bay restoration and protection efforts; and engage all levels of DoD military, civilians, and their families to become environmental stewards of the watershed.





Allegany Ballistics Laboratory

The Allegany Ballistics Laboratory is used primarily for the research, development, production, and testing of solid propellants and motors for ammunition, rockets, and armaments. Currently, the facility is operated as a highly automated production facility for tactical propulsion systems and composite and metal structures.



2 Shepherd Field Air National Guard Base

Home to the West Virginia Air National Guard's 167th Airlift Wing, this base includes 34 buildings and employs up to 1,500 military personnel, including full-time Air Reserve technicians and Active Guard, and Reserve and part-time traditional guardsmen.



3 Yeager Air National Guard Base

Home to nine C-130 Hercules aircraft of the West Virginia Air National Guard's 130th Airlift Wing, Yeager Air National Guard Base organizes, trains, equips, and deploys a force capable of conducting effective and sustained operations.



National Guard and Reserve Components

The Guard and Reserve organize, train, and equip citizen soldiers and airmen for rapid mobilization in the state, nation, and around the world. While all Reserve components have a federal mission to augment active duty forces in times of crises, the Guard has the additional unique mission of serving the Governor during state emergencies. The West Virginia Army National Guard has 38 units and activities stationed in 22 counties throughout West Virginia and overseas. The West Virginia Air National Guard includes the 130th Airlift Wing, which operates the C-130E Hercules, and the 167th Airlift Wing, which operates the C-5 Galaxy.











